



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 00-450)

PATENT

In re Application of: Polverino et al. )

Serial No.: 09/599,087 )

Filed: June 21, 2000 )

For: Secreted Epithelial Colon Stromal-1 )  
Molecules and Uses Thereof )

Before the Examiner: S. Rawlings

Group Art Unit: 1642

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MAY 20, 2003**

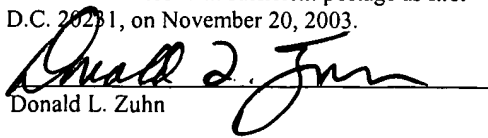
Responsive to the Office Action mailed May 20, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**AMENDMENTS**

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments. Pursuant to revised 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, Applicants present the amendments to the specification at pages 2-11, marked up to show changes made relative to the immediate prior version of the specification, and a complete listing of the claims, including marked up versions of all currently amended claims, at pages 12-14.

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